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ness. Smears were of very secondary importance in comparison with cultures. He considered that cultures should be taken regularly. He could not agree with what Dr. Nabarro said as to the value of the complement-fixation test in children. He had seen a number of cases in which it had been negative after treatment, and when the treatment was stopped the complement-fixation relapsed accordingly and in agreement with the cultural tests of material from the vagina. He regarded the complement-fixation and cultural tests as all-important.

Dr. Nabarro had raised the question of the use of œstrin. When that gentleman started the œstrin treatment he kindly told the speaker about it, and he followed suit, hoping for cures without relapse in a short space of time. Various doses were tried on a dozen children, and after injecting big doses it was amazing to see the engorgement of the breasts, and a ward of children who were masturbating practically all day long. But these effects ceased as soon as the œstrin was discontinued. With the reduction of dose to 50 units injected daily, the experience agreed with that which Dr. Nabarro had related. As long as œstrin was being given the tests remained negative. The majority of the cases, however, relapsed pathologically, but not symptomatically, as soon as the œstrin was stopped. It was a most disappointing experience.

NOTE ON THE CHILDREN'S MEDICAL HOME

THE Home is a very modest Home originating out of the difficulties of the Federation of Children's Workers as to where to place girls of school age who were infectious yet not cot cases. These children were a danger in their own homes, it was practically impossible for their mothers to take them to clinics for daily treatment, and being debarred from school suffered enforced idleness.

The Chairman of the Federation of Children's Rescue Committees, Mrs. Burge, wife of the late Bishop of Southwark, decided to open a Medical Home, though the Federation as a Federation refused to take the risk. The Home therefore from the first has had its own governing body.

It is a Church of England Home, but takes in members

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of all creeds. Many of the children are assault cases and need healing in body, mind and spirit.

We aim at treating the whole child—at giving them a normal child life in a Christian atmosphere.

Strict discipline has always to be maintained, but we want them to forget fear.

Besides our excellent medical staff we have one asset of immense value, a real “Nannie,” and are able to keep an individual touch on every child, and give help physically, mentally and morally. The school, too, is a very distinctive feature of the Home.

From the beginning Mr. Davies Colley, of Guy's, has been Treasurer and mainstay, and the L.C.C. has been most kind.

C. E. BUNYON,
Chairman.

AN IMPRESSION OF THE CHILDREN'S MEDICAL HOME, WADDON

THE medical practitioner faced with the care of vulvovaginitis in little girls may well feel all the social emotions purged by pity and terror—pity for the innocent victim and terror for its possible consequences to other small innocents. The physical injury carries with it a psychological wound, all the deeper for the very impressionable age at which it has been inflicted, and the prolonged local treatment has unavoidably further special physiological and psychological dangers, to be counteracted only by humane assiduous care demanding the highest skill and the happiest moral surroundings.

Few homes among hospital patients can provide this ; and too often the best meaning institutional surroundings and discipline bleakly annul in the realm of the spirit the most skilful and unremitting individual care. It is therefore a welcome surprise to find in an institution the obvious and unmistakable proofs—in its children—of affectionate personal care inextricably interwoven with the happiest moral surroundings.

The Children's Medical Home at Waddon is an old-fashioned country villa in its own wide gardens. Its furnishing is simple, it is well lighted and home-like ; and clean without the pervading odour of newly scrubbed boards. Its children are plainly healthy, vigorous and